

REMARKS

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated November 27, 2007 and received in this application. In the amendment, claims 1 and 4 have been amended, and claims 2, 3, 5 and 6 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 7 and 8 have been added.

These amendments add no new matter. Support for the amendments to claims 1 and 4 and new claims 7 and 8 are variously found in Applicant's specification as filed. Specifically, claim 1 has been amended to include features substantially similar to those previously represented in claim 3, as well as the additional recitations of a sequential registration mode. The batch and sequential registration modes are described, for example, in [0086]-[0116] of Applicant's specification as represented in U.S. Pub. No. 2006/0168521 A1, with the batch mode being illustrated and described in connection with FIG. 12 and the sequential mode being illustrated and described in connection with FIG. 13.

Claim 1, 4, 7 and 8 are now pending in the application. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in light of these amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-6 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by U.S. Pub. No. 2003/0206203 A1 to Ly ("Ly"). This rejection is traversed.

Applicant respectfully notes that the publication date of the Ly reference is November 6, 2003, which is after Applicant's priority date of June 13, 2003. As such, it is believed that the reference does not qualify under section 102(a). Nevertheless, even if the reference qualifies under another section of the statute, Applicant submits that it does not disclose or suggest the features of claim 1.

Claim 1 has been amended and now recites: *[a]n editing device for executing an editing process based on a list specifying edit details and registering an obtained editing result in an external device, comprising:*

processing means for performing a prescribed process on edit material;

registration means for registering the editing result in the external device; and

control means for controlling said processing means and said registration means,

wherein

said control means controls said processing means so as to perform the process on only necessary parts out of the edit material and controls said registration means so as to register only a result of the process of the necessary parts in the external device as the editing result, wherein

said control means controls said processing means so as to perform the process on only necessary parts out of the edit material based on the list and controls said registration means so as to register only a result of the process of the necessary parts as the editing result in the external device when the list being created is reproduced according to external operation in a creation mode of the list, wherein

when a batch registration mode is set, and a registration request of the editing result based on the list entered by external operation is given after the list is finished, said control means controls said processing means so as to perform the process on only necessary parts of which a result of the process has not been registered in the external device, out of the necessary parts out of the edit material, and controls said registration means so as to register a result of the process of the necessary parts in the external device as the editing result, and wherein

when a sequential registration mode is set, and a sequential part registration request is received when the list is being created, said control means controls said processing means so as to perform the process and control said registration means so as to register a sequential result of the process on only necessary parts that have not been registered in the external device.

These claimed features are neither disclosed nor suggested by Ly. Ly discloses a technique that accommodates collaborative editing with unstructured data. Multiple multiple

concurrent collaboration displays are provided, with at least one of them configured as a free-form display where a data object may be generated and viewed. Structure may be added to the data object by associating the data with one or more categories, where each category relates to a higher-level concept. Each collaboration display may use a selectable set of categories to display the data object. In this way, each collaboration display may be configured to view the data object with a desired level of structure. As indicated in the cited passage, the collaboration framework of Ly may be server-side, allowing clients to share modifications with other clients. When a document is modified by one of the users, the collaborative edit is routed to other interested parties via the collaboration server.

Even if Ly is construed as providing incremental editing of some kind, there are various claimed features that are not disclosed or suggested therein. For example, there is no disclosure or suggestion of batch and sequential registration modes, with the batch registration mode registering the editing result after the list specifying edit details is finished, and a sequential registration mode registering the editing result responsive to a sequential part registration request. Specifically, therefore, the Ly reference does not disclose or suggest: *“wherein when a batch registration mode is set, and a registration request of the editing result based on the list entered by external operation is given after the list is finished, said control means controls said processing means so as to perform the process on only necessary parts of which a result of the process has not been registered in the external device, out of the necessary parts out of the edit material, and controls said registration means so as to register a result of the process of the necessary parts in the external device as the editing result”* as a first mode or operation, and *“wherein when a sequential registration mode is set, and a sequential part registration request is received when the list is being created, said control means controls said processing means so as to perform the process and control said registration means so as to register a sequential result of the process on only necessary parts that have not been registered in the external device”* as a second mode of operation, as recited in amended claim 1.

For reasons similar to those provided regarding claim 1, claim 4 is similarly neither disclosed nor suggested by Ly.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1 and 4 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by Ly.

This response is believed to be a complete response to the Office Action. However, Applicant reserves the right to set forth further arguments supporting the patentability of the claims, including the separate patentability of the dependent claims not explicitly addressed herein, in future papers. Further, for any instances in which the Examiner took Official Notice in the Office Action, Applicant expressly does not acquiesce to the taking of Official Notice, and respectfully requests the Examiner to provide an affidavit to support the Official Notice taken in the next Office Action, as required by 37 CFR 1.104(d)(2) and MPEP § 2144.03.

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